

Lapham has travelled in Arabia etc. & writes a very stirring & correct account of it. I have read it & find it very good.

20. Arabalsia, from Larnak to Laca are called
Both Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Thompson have been in India
a good deal - He had a very pleasant ^{trip}. Mrs. Smith
had been staying with the Footmns. Dr. Gray met
Dr. Baird Smith at Charles Martin's some years ago,
& was greatly fascinated with him. She was a
disciple of De Quincy's.

Sir Newton & the Dilke asked us to come with them
to see & see Sunday in their country place, & one
more evening of with them - But the husband could
not go, as the Governor is away on holiday, & we were
expecting another Saturday.

Friday we had Dr. Reichenbach, a student from
Hamburg now staying in New, the one Mrs. wanted.
Dr. Gray had sent him my photograph & dine - He is
truly a character.

Saturday I went to call on the Thompsons, after
giving my letters, & had a pleasant call - Dr. Gray
ran off to London, & so thence to call at Clapham
& see if Ann Ward had got home, & dine at
Mrs. Hartung's, who had invited us before - The young
man is a student of medicinal plants, the firm
being in the drug business - Dr. Gray had a nice
dinner - They are an old Quaker family, though they have
dropped the blue & brown & dress - He met there another
son who has been a great deal in China, & knows Bell
Linnæus - was well - He passes his winters at a place
he calls on the Mediterranean between Mentone & Rome;
& Dr. Gray is proposed to have a day or two there when
he takes up the line of march towards Egypt -

Sunday, but for a walk in the Garden, was quite
easy - Dr. Gray went to Dr. Hottelers in the ^{evening} & met Clifford

5th. (1)
Kew - finished up Feb. 11th 1858

My dear uncle,
I think I am getting into the
old way, & I think I am getting into the
& making such an immense journal, & that it
certainly is some labor to write it, & must be some
to read it! - must try to condense -

But I wish to say before leaving Fells, we passed
in the market place, in old stone canopy covering an
ever-running fountain, built or some good Bishop of old
who laid water pipes from one of the springs in the Park,
in order to supply the town's people - It was the water,
old stone house in the grounds over the spring & land was
well. - such a good deed, though not in running water,
should be remembered. & the old Bishop's name, if his
name be forgotten -

Mrs. Church waited to take a later train & I must
I we rode with good eye in the station - I must go
London we had the carriage & discover I. Wallace &
then being no room to drive to seats - and it is
with my animals. On next to Cambridge with some, each
side holding four, they are some men out on each side
so in beds a nice chance to recline, if the carriage
is not full - I took advantage of it until we had to
change to another train at Featherston - We picked up our
baggage at home, & reached London at dusk - At 12
we all went back to lunch (meat & pudding & cheese & bread
& fruit at Mrs. Church's.) Oh, the disagreeableness of arriving
in London by one of these great trains! The immense distance,
the confusion, no checks, & to keep an eye on your things,

then if you get a cat, you must get a R.R. porter & take your things, the man may not leave his horse - I suppose one learns & manages in time, but we were dazed! - It was only a mile or two more & Kew than at the Waterloo Station, & then would have been jelling me across the Bridge, so we decided to take a cab all the way - It was a weary drive, & we were glad to reach our lodgings, in a hearty tea & whisket.

They are building a net work of rail-paths all around London, another year we shall get from one station to another almost everywhere, but now the distances are very great - They said from Waterloo, (the S.W.) one got three to Kew, & Paddington, where we came in, ^{by R.R.} 4 miles - The North London, which also goes to Kew, still farther, I suppose - The distances, in the huge place, are positively tremendous!

Tuesday I was glad to be quiet - He found the home letters, from Tom, Sue, & Mrs. Whitney & my maid Lizzie, on Monday afternoon. I sprained, or I ^{was} have been -

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Mr. Lyndal
on heat) & Mr. Burt, a mathematician, were also
here, Dr. & Mrs. Sombe, & Mr. Downing who had come
down & lunch, ^{with us} seen over the garden with Dr.
Gay - Mrs. Walker was in white muslin, high-necked
& long sleeves, but no lining - She is very pretty, & personable
I think dresses well & becomingly - Mrs. Sombe peep
with trimmed with white, lace sleeves & waist, French hair
hair was loose, & face is very delicate & a great invalid.
Miss Callaghan in full Dr. dress - A handsome neck
& round arm cut off her two tall yoke, so she looked
well in full dress - "It was very pleasant meeting
dear Mrs. Sombe again! - And we had a pleasant dinner -"

Thursday I went over to see her again, for she
was only in Kew last week - In the P.M. we dined
with Dr. & Mrs. Thompson - They had asked us be-
fore we had to decline, & Dr. saw that we
should accept - Dr. Berkeley, the rear fudge man,
was staying with them, & met kindly, pleasant,
old man, & clasp us all - Quite laid up with food.
Miss Mrs. Baird Smith, the widow of an Indian
officer - is a very lovely looking woman with such delicate
but features, I thought she must be American, the
more as she talked in the slower way with a slight
drawl which we have, but the sharp drop of the
English - she was in high-necked & long-sleeved, black
Tulle antique - Mrs. Sombe, ^{with us in deep sympathy,} in a thin black skirt,

London & back on my first trip to London
 Mrs. Combe was in back to Torquay, & she kindly
 came in the fly, & took me with her to the station.
 We all went to London together, & rode God by -
 I had a Dr. Combe, & said before we got home again,
 & see them at home -

By the help of cabs & omnibuses we got on with
 very little walking, & I went & ordered a pair of
 boots, all kid, double-soled, buttoned, high in the leg,
 15⁰, not so very cheap when I'm but it was old - These
 are cheaper, too buttoned 4⁰ common 2⁰ - is a good
 one for the rest I enclose my ^{check} ~~check~~ ^{account} ~~account~~
 for amusement; but if you put everything into
 gold, you see things are very little cheaper, many
 the same, some cost more in gold than I should
 have given in paper at home -

London did not look either, as impressive as
 I expected - I think New York & Boston have im-
 proved much more in these 20 years - the building
 looked low & dingy - I've called at the British
 Museum on Dr. & Mrs. Gray - She told me she was
 over 80, such a bright, quick, active old lady, looking so
 vigorous, I should not have thought her much more
 than 70 - Possible look so much less changed than I
 expected - Have my eyes grown older?

Yesterday came the last tidings that mother would
 be in London in the day - It was such a vicarious -
 I had made great preparations for Sunday for lunch,
 thinking surely they were coming, & was so disappointed.
 Mrs. Driver called in the aft., while she was here, Dr.

Gray came in, saying the Princess of Wales was calling at
the Duchess of Cambridge's, just beyond us; so I kept a sharp
look out, & had a glimpse of her, & took look at the equipage
when she drove back - A low carriage, she driving, & a pretty
pair of small grey horses, her Uncle, Prince John of ^{Wales} ^{by her side,}
a groom in the little seat behind - ^{in the top boots,} on a grey horse - All the colour & livery, red rosettes on the
horses ears - She looked like her pictures, all the glimpse
I caught of her, rather ^{a sweet, delicate face -} - a little plain dark hat, brown
cape round her - One would only say "what a pretty neat
equipage!" -

I was writing a note at dusk to Mother, when
she & Mr. Amory appeared - They had come from West-
end & Retna that morn'g - Miss Bined with us, & there
was only too much to ask & to tell - I think Mother looked
thin, but I can scarcely say - Mr. Amory has full beard
& moustache, & I thought looked tired -

They are to come tomorrow if fine, to do the garden
& Hampton Court - I have been hoping that they might
come this morning, it was so pleasant - But I suppose
the spirit was too necessary, as they only stay 5 days - I
wish I were strong eno. to go to London & help her, & do
all more of her - We have scarcely talked about plans
as yet, & must hear from Charles before deciding -

She had just got a batch of letters, from J. & from C.
We expect to go & make a visit to Mr. Darnley on
the 27th. when we shall see the Fortons. They had ar-
rived to come a day or two here, but have had to give it up -
Mrs. Darnley will come again on Saturday -
Mrs. Darnley has invited us there, & so has Mrs. Mums.
Much love to all & each, from your ever affe-
ctionate